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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

All documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding German application. A copy of the European Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner.

Foreign language documents DE 42 33 751 and EP 1 113 948 cited in the European Search Report were previously cited in the present application.

Document B2 relates to a gas generator for the inflatable protection bag for motor cars, which is activated in case of collisions, has a light metal casing which encloses a propellant laden reaction chamber joined via carrier gas openings to an expansion and filter chamber. Near the inflow edges of these openings the casing has a protective ring, made of thermally and mechanically resistant material (steel) which prevents burn-up of erosion. ADVANTAGE – this helps to minimize the variation in the start temp. of the granules or tablets of the propulsion charge guarantees a more uniform gas supply of the generator.

An English translation of the foreign-language document is not readily available. However, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language document (37 CFR §1.97, §1.98 and MPEP §609).


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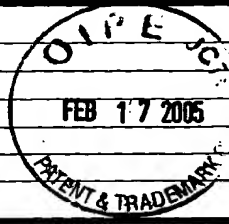
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